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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed August 29, 2002, in the above-identified patent application. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

A clean version of the rewritten, added, and/or cancelled claims with instructions for entry pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121 (c)(1)(i) is included beginning on page 2 of this communication. A marked-up version of the rewritten, added, and/or cancelled claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121 (c)(1)(ii) is attached as Appendix I. A clean version of the entire set of pending claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121 (c)(3) as they would appear following entry of this amendment is

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